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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward the following statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia which reads as follows:

"Following the conclusion of the agreement on the establishment of the 'Kosovo Protection Corps' between the representatives of the international security force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the leading terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) in Pristina on 20 September 1999, the Federal Government expresses its profound concern over this illegal act which constitutes a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). The farce of transformation conceals an attempt to legalize a terrorist organization and salvage and protect its terrorists, which can have unforeseeable consequences.

"The Federal Government has noted that the terrorist so-called KLA has not been disarmed and demilitarized. All those initiated are well aware of this, best of all those who have just made public that the demilitarization of KLA has been successfully effected and who have concluded that shameful agreement. They are directly responsible for violence, terrorism and each and every victim of terrorists.

"As a free and sovereign country, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will never recognize the behaviour and decisions that are contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), the Chernomyrdin/Ahtisaari Plan and the guarantees of the sovereignty of our country, given as a condition for stopping the state of war.

"This arbitrariness and illegal decision of KFOR and UNMIK constitute a substantial step towards Albanian separatist goals in Kosovo and Metohija and are absolutely unacceptable to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia."

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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